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## BIG BROTHER IDEA PROVES HELP TO JUVENILE COURT

Judge Whitney Aided in Dealing With Young Delinquents By Cooperation of Citizens

One of the most important features of Circuit Judge Whitney's work in the last year has been his effort to improve the character of the city's unfortunate children, those who by evil environment and companionship have become wayward and in many instances assumed the role of juvenile criminals.

This department of Judge Whitney's official activity has become truly a court of correction. Judge Whitney himself has assumed the part of "Big Brother" to the erring little fellows and within the last twelve months has adopted a system and formed an informal but strong organization of "Big Brothers" which aids him materially in the business of trying to save the character of the youngsters.

The "Big Brother" idea has been under test on the mainland for several years and apparently has given satisfaction. So far as tried here it has shown merit. It consists simply in enlisting the assistance of big-hearted men and women who agree to act as guides, counsellors and friends for the wayward boys and girls.

A lad is assigned to some business man. The boy may be taken into the man's private home, though that is not always necessary, but the "Big Brother" becomes the youngster's confident, finds work for him or puts him into school, and in other ways treats the boy as if that relationship actually existed between them. A large number of boys and girls have found brothers and sisters in this way, and while the system has been in use here only a short time it apparently is giving high satisfaction.

Reprimands, probation and the "Big Brother" system are employed to their limit in the effort to save the children, the reform school following only as a last resort. The reform schools accomplished great good, but the juvenile offenders are sent there only when "Big Brother" advice and repeated probations fail. It is only when they are sent to these institutions that the juvenile court's work becomes actually punitive.

For every wayward little girl who has faced Judge Whitney in the last year, six boys have been haled before him for a serious talk or lecture or perhaps a reformatory school sentence. The total number of cases handled in the twelve months was 355, and of these only 50 were girls. These figures are deceptive, however, for not nearly that number of children faced the judges; a considerable number proved more or less incorrigible and were tried out on probation two, three or four times before being finally sent to reform school. Each of these hearings goes down in the figures as a case.

One hundred and twenty-three boys and girls were haled into juvenile court for larceny and similar offenses. By race the offenders were: Hawaiian, 155; Portuguese, 110; Chinese, 39; Japanese, 23, and other nationalities, 29.

For first offenses there were 264 children; second, 62; third, 17; fourth, seven; fifth and sixth, two and seventh and eighth, two.

## FERN PUTS LANE IN DILEMMA AS HIS LAST STROKE

In his appointment of L. Andrews as chairman of the fire and police civil service commission, and reappointment of Peter Baron as a member of that board Mayor Fern executed a farewell political coup that probably was the grand climax of his career. The wisecracks today are smiling at the delicate situation in which Fern has put his successor, John C. Lane. It seems evident that neither Andrews nor Baron, though Republicans, were of the new mayor's choosing. He did not name them for Fern, though the latter invited Lane to name his men, Fern offering to appoint them for him. The latter held off, however, apparently figuring on making the appointments to the board after he took over the reins of government.

But now it is a question whether Lane could remove these two, except for cause, and if he had friends he would prefer in those positions they likely will have to wait for another year before he can appoint them.

Moreover, Andrews is an official power in the Republican party, being chairman of the territorial central committee. If Lane should make an effort to oust the chairman trouble would threaten and be unquestionably would incur the enmity of a certain element of the party.

Unless Andrews and Baron choose to resign, say the politicians, Lane may make a wry face, but he will have to accept their services for the next 12 months.

Preceded by a grand parade, the children's circus given by the First Methodist Sunday school went off with great success this afternoon on the grounds around the home of R. H. Trent at Alewa Heights. Wild animals, side shows, music by a Chinese band and pink lemonade were among the features.

## JAPAN DECLARES NOT PLEDGED TO RESTORE LANDS

Foreign Minister Kato Says No Agreement With U. S. on Marshall Islands

SAYS NIPPON NOT BOUND TO GIVE UP KIAOCHAU

Questioned By the Members of Parliament, Indicates Territory May Be Held

That Japan has made no promise to the United States about the occupation of Jaluit, Marshall islands, and is bound by no pledge to restore Tsingtau to China, is the official statement of the Japanese government.

It was made in the Japanese Parliament on December 9, by Baron Kato, minister of foreign affairs.

Newspapers of Tokyo, arriving by the Mongolia, give full accounts of the foreign minister's address, the first accurate statement of Japanese intentions with regard to occupied German territory that has reached Honolulu. The Japan Advertiser of December 10, says:

The lower house of the Diet yesterday afternoon continued its questioning of the Cabinet. After several reports were made Mr. Kishichi Kikubo raised the following questions concerning foreign affairs.

First, the press report as to asking for an Imperial decree praising the diplomacy of the cabinet was not corrected by the government. Then, was there any truth in the report?

Second, within the past six months nothing has been done as to the California land question.

Third, the foreign office order No. 1 (concerning press censorship) has been issued because the government does not know the history of the Japanese press. Years ago, when Count Okuma drafted a treaty allowing foreign judges to sit in the Japanese court, the Jiji and the Hochi published it and prevented it from becoming effective. What is the opinion of the foreign minister?

The Chinese issue. As for the Chinese issue, if the foreign minister would not speak of it in open session, a secret session might be held to hear from him.

Baron Kato rose to answer and said that as to the first question the press report is false. As to the American issue, the present cabinet has changed the policy from the last cabinet and is conducting negotiations, but the facts can not be made public as yet. There is a likelihood that the California legislature will enact laws disadvantageous to our countrymen, and the cabinet is taking various steps. As for the foreign office order, the government has no intention to abridge the liberty of the press. Among the newspapers and magazines there are some whose innocent carelessness has embarrassed the diplomats. That was why that order was issued. Regarding the China policy, China is an independent nation. It is not proper to say that we will guide that nation. We shall see that cordial relations are maintained by exchange of views with each other.

Mr. Kikubo, not satisfied with the diplomatic reply of Baron Kato obliged Premier Count Okuma to step on the platform to explain. The premier stated that all the Imperial decrees of whatever sort must be countersigned by the cabinet ministers and published in the Official Gazette. But he has not signed anything like a decree praising the diplomacy of the cabinet, nor has he seen it published in the Gazette. Besides, the matter belongs to the Imperial Household and the cabinet is not permitted to make an explanation.

There were several questions raised as to national defense plans, to which the war minister answered that the army increase was inevitable.

Masuda's Six Questions. Then Mr. Genji Masuda of the Seiyukai asked six questions on foreign affairs, as follows:

1. It was reported that at the time of the opening of the German-Japanese war, Japan's military activities have been limited by an agreement with England. What are the facts as to that?

2. It was reported that Japan has given a guarantee to England that she will return Kiaochow to China. What are the facts as to that?

3. It was reported that Japan, after the occupation of the Jaluit islands, has given the United States an assurance that the occupation was only temporary. What are the facts as to that?

4. There has been an agreement made between England, France and Russia as to peace terms. Japan has not participated in the agreement. Does Baron Kato believe that Japan will participate in the peace conference by virtue of the Anglo-Japanese alliance?

5. Publish by all means a record of the diplomatic negotiations up to date to remove the suspicion of the people.

To these questions Baron Kato replied that as to the questions 1, 2 and 3, no guarantee has been made, and the report is altogether false. As to 4, although Japan has not participated in the agreement as to peace terms, yet by virtue of the Anglo-Japanese alliance Japan will have no trouble in making her claims heard. As yet, however, no definite plan has been made as to terms of peace which Japan will give. As for the 5th question, the diplomatic records will be published in due time.

Mr. Kanjin Tomizu asked questions of diplomacy, quoting an account in the

## NEW ENTERPRISE OPENS ITS DOORS TOMORROW A. M.

United Mercantile Company on Fort Street Has First Bargain Sale

A new enterprise will be added to Honolulu's business district when the United Mercantile Company throws open its doors tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Progress block on Fort street one door from the corner of Beretania. The store of which A. Axelrod of San Francisco is the proprietor, will carry a complete line of men's and women's furnishings.

The United Mercantile Company system is to buy out stocks of bankrupt concerns and other stores and place the goods on quick sale. In this way, Mr. Axelrod explained, it is able to offer goods at less than standard prices. Fresh stock will be added to the store from time to time.

The new store will occupy a space 32 by 60 feet in dimensions. Clerks have been working in it for a week installing goods under Mr. Axelrod's direction. The present fixtures are temporary. After a few weeks a new set will be put in.

As an additional inducement to shoppers announcement is made that prizes will be offered to the first twenty-five customers who obtain tickets at the door tomorrow morning.

The London Times that Japan will return Kiaochow to China. Baron Kato replied that he has already spoken on that subject.

South Sea Occupation. Mr. Kanjiro Aijima of the Kokumin to asked (1) whether Japan will send fleets in the south to the Atlantic ocean, (2) whether it is true that Japan will divide the German possessions in the South Seas with England, Japan to take the north and England the south of Equator, (3) what was the reason for Japan surrendering Yap Island to England.

Minister Yashiro of the navy replied that (1) Japan will not send her fleets in the south to the Atlantic, (2) Japan has never made an agreement about dividing the South Sea possessions of Germany with England, (3) England had some relations with the Yap Island before Japan occupied it, and as England requested permission to land guards there Japan gave permission for convenience sake.

The session then adjourned at 4:20 p. m. until 1 p. m. this afternoon when questions will be continued.

The Kiaochow Situation. The Official Gazette of the government emphasized Baron Kato's statement with the following report of it: "Mr. Ogawa's second question was about the restoration of Kiaochow bay to China. I understand Mr. Ogawa asks as follows: Whether or not Japan is going to restore the place to China? And whether or not there is any contract, by which Japan may be obliged to restore the place to China?"

"Now, whether Japan is going to restore Kiaochow bay to China or not is to be settled in the future, and it is not yet time to give any definite answer to this question. It is also asked whether or not there is any contract which may oblige Japan to restore the place to China? There is no such contract. We have no such contract with any country in Europe or America or with China. I assure you of this."

"Mr. Ogawa asks why the government sent the ultimatum to Germany. Well, the government thought it would be very good if it could make Germany peacefully evacuate Kiaochow bay and remove her fleet from the Far Eastern waters. To succeed in this attempt would be very difficult, but the government concluded it would be proper to make a peaceful attempt first. Hence the government's ultimatum to Germany. (Here Mr. Ogawa asked why the government inserted in its ultimatum the phrase with the object to restore it to China—?) "If Germany restored the place to China peacefully," said Baron Kato, "there is no reason why Japan should take it over to herself."

"Japan's object is to eliminate Germany's base of operations in the Far East, because it is hurtful to the peace of the Far East permanently. Therefore it is proper that Kiaochow bay should be restored to China, which owns the place. Japan simply advised Germany to restore the place to China, in the same sense as Germany advised Japan years ago to restore the Liaotung peninsula to China."

Mr. Ogawa then says it was good for Japan that Germany did not accept Japan's ultimatum, but what would have been the case if Germany had restored the place to China as demanded by Japan? I think it would have been better if Germany had restored the place to China without the war. But unfortunately Germany did not accept our advice.

"Mr. Ogawa again questions whether China would have been able to fulfill the terms of the German-Chinese treaty about Kiaochow bay, in case Germany restored the place to China as advised by Japan. Mr. Ogawa would have not raised such a question, if he had remembered the phraseology of our ultimatum to Germany. Or no trouble would have occurred if Germany had surrendered Kiaochow bay to Japan with the object of restoring the place to China without any compensation or condition as stated in Japan's ultimatum."

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